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1. AN EC COMMISSION DELEGATION SOURCE CONFIRMED TO US INFORMATION IN REFTEL THAT HIGH-LEVEL ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER AND PROBABLY APPROVE ON MARCH 17 BOTH A LIST OF IMPROVEMENTS IN U.S. TARIFF OFFER EC WILL SEEK, AS WELL AS LIST OF EC POTENTIAL WITHDRAWALS. SOURCE SAID COREPER WILL PROBABLY CONSIDER LISTS SUBSEQUENTLY, WITH LISTS AND EC TACTICS CONCERNING THEIR USE TO BE CONSIDERED AT APRIL 4 EC COUNCIL MEETING. JAPANESE AND CANADIAN OFFERS WILL ALSO BE REVIEWED, ALONG WITH STATUS OF OFFERS OF OTHER MTN PARTICIPANTS.

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2. WE CAUTIONED EC SOURCE ABOUT EC LOCKING ITSELF INTO A SITUATION BASED ON PARTIAL ANALYSIS OF BENEFITS FOR EC FROM U.S. OFFER AND URGED THAT U.S. AND EC HOLD JOINT REVIEW OF EC ANALYSIS OF U.S. OFFER BEFORE EC DECISIONS ARE MADE. SOURCE PROMISED TO CONVEY TO BRUSSELS THIS CONCERN. MCDONALD

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